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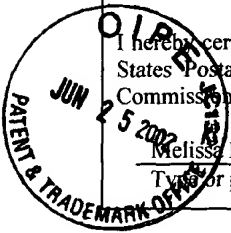
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 28, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENTS**In the specification:**

Please replace the last paragraph beginning on page 21 and continuing on page 22 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A' The laboratory-based techniques described above, in particular RFLP and SSR, are routinely used in such backcrosses to identify the progenies having the highest degree of genetic

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